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## ROOSEVELT INFLUENCE

Used to Secure Election of  
Mormon in Utah.

## SPEECH IN THE SENATE

The Mormon Church and Its In-  
fluence in Politics in Utah  
Elections.

## SMOOT SEVERELY ARRAIGNED

Senator DuBois Calls Attention of the  
President Sending Secretary Taft  
to Idaho to Make Law and  
Order Speeches.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—President Roosevelt was directly charged with using his influence for the election of Republican Mormon candidates in the recent election in Idaho and Utah. The charge was made by Senator DuBois in the course of a speech in which he discussed the right of Reed Smoot to a seat in the Senate. Mr. DuBois asserted the control of the Mormon church to be complete in the hierarchy, consisting of the presidency and the twelve apostles, of which Mr. Smoot was one. This control, he maintained, was ecclesiastical, political and commercial and was exercised completely over the followers who come principally from foreign countries. The constant tendency, he said, was to make the church and state one, with the control in the church.

Polygamous relations were being sustained, Mr. DuBois said, by President Joseph Smith, and a majority of the twelve apostles. Continually there was contracting of new polygamous marriages, surreptitiously arranged by the church, in Canada, Mexico or on the high seas. Polygamists, he said, occupy the highest positions politically and in the church, and constitute the wealthiest and most powerful members of the church organization. This is a change, he asserted, from the old days, when polygamy was entered into indiscriminately. Now the polygamists are selected by officers in the church and in this way is being built up a culture and aristocracy of polygamists. But no records of polygamous marriages are kept which are available for the American people. Because of this, he painted out the futility of passing a national law prohibiting the practice.

Politically, he said, the Mormon church, holds absolute sway in Utah and is extending its control into Wyoming, Idaho and Oregon. When Brigham R. Roberts was expelled from congress because he was a self-confessed polygamist, Mr. DuBois said he was at once elevated to a high position in the church.

As to Senator Smoot, he said, it made no difference whether he was or was not a polygamist. The senator was a pillar in the church and in control of its temporal, spiritual and political policies and was selected for the Senate because of his position in the church.

"Smoot," he said, "represents the church, and not the state, and would do the bidding of the church before he would serve the real interests of the state or the nation. By being an apostle of the church, Smoot is one of the chief conspirators and by his acquiescence supports the plans and aims of the conspiracy."

The breaking down of the influence of the church in politics, Mr. DuBois asserted, would do more than anything else to put a stop to polygamy.

Turning his attention to the campaign preceding the recent election, Mr. DuBois read the press dispatches of October 22, which stated that the President had sent Secretary Taft to Idaho in order to speak in advocacy of law and order. At that time Mr. DuBois said he had telegraphed to the President that the only issue in Idaho was the Mormon question.

"When Governor Gooding of Idaho and the chairman of the Republican state committee were engaged in citing lawbreaking and law-defying Mormons to additional lawlessness, the President of the United States sent his Secretary of War to Idaho to plead with the people to stand by Governor Gooding in order to maintain law and order in Idaho."

"The non-Mormon citizenship of Utah and of Idaho think they are entitled to the support of law-abiding citizens everywhere in their efforts to maintain American citizenship in these Mormon states, and if they cannot receive that they have the right to demand that the President of the United States shall not use the great power vested in him in the interest of these law defying and un-American organizations in their determination to rule the politics of this section of our country."

"In Utah there is a Republican Mormon party and a Democratic Mormon party, both equally controlled by the Mormon hierarchy. The American party in Utah is composed of Gentiles, both Republicans and Democrats who are battling there, under the very shadows of this tremendous ecclesiastical power, for American citizenship, for the separation of the church and state, and against the degradation of womanhood and home. It is a noble, magnificent contest they are making."

## KING OSCAR ILLNESS

Excitement Occasioned by Reported  
Illness of King

## PHYSICIANS ISSUE BULLETIN

Crowds Gather in the Streets Awaiting  
Latest News from King's Bedside,  
But Disperse When Favorable  
News Is Given.

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 13.—Considerable alarm was occasioned today by the statement that King Oscar was seriously ill and that all of the royal family have been assembled at the palace and that the crown prince had been hurriedly summoned from Berlin. It appears that the King has been ailing for several days. His indisposition was not regarded as serious until Wednesday, when he developed symptoms of heart failure.

Bulletins issued tonight say that the King's condition is satisfactory. The action of his heart is improving, although his pulse is irregular. The streets are thronged with a crowd of anxious people, waiting to hear the latest news of the King's condition, and when the bulletin was posted that there was a slight improvement in his condition, most of the populace left for their homes.

## FINED FOR COUNTERFEITING.

DENVER, Dec. 13.—Ten years imprisonment and a fine of \$1,500, was the sentence imposed yesterday in the federal court by Judge Robert E. Lewis on Dr. James D. Eggleston, son of President Eggleston, of the Pacific Express Company, who was convicted of counterfeiting and making photographic negatives of a \$10 bill.

## EDITOR'S TRIAL.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—The trial of Colonel W. D. Mann, editor of Town Topics, charged with perjury, which was to have begun yesterday, was put over until Monday, on account of the absence of Martin W. Littleton, counsel for the defense.

## STANDARD ORTHOGRAPHY

House Goes Against Sim-  
plified Spelling.

## FAVOR OLD STANDARD

President Agreed that if House  
Opposed the New Spelling  
Scheme.

## PRESIDENT WILL ABANDON IT

Subject Has Been Under Discussion  
Since Convening of Congress and  
Was Finally and Forever Dis-  
posed of Yesterday.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Simplified spelling received its final quietus in the House today. The subject has been under discussion more or less continuous on the floor of the House and in the committee room since congress convened, but it was brought to a final termination today by a resolution favoring the return to the old standard of orthography.

The question was brought up in the discussions of various subjects, especially in considering the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill, and so strong was the sentiment in the House against it, that members waited on the President to ascertain his views in regard to the matter. It was understood that the action taken today was the result of an interview with the President in which he stated, that if the House should go on record against the new system, he would abandon it. It is the consensus of opinion that the action of the House against simplified spelling has removed it from further discussion, and all departments will use the spelling authorized by all standard dictionaries. The measure had few advocates aside from the President, it being deemed inexpedient to overthrow the present system and inaugurate a new one that would cause consternation and expense to the public.

President Roosevelt will withdraw his simplified spelling order to the public printer and hereafter all documents from the executive department will again be printed in the old fashioned way. President Roosevelt said today that he did not wish to have spelling overshadow matters of great importance and expressed his willingness to revoke the order if the House went on record opposing the system. This it did without a dissenting vote.

## SIGNED AGREEMENT.

France and Italy Agree to Integrity of  
Abyssinia.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—Great Britain, France and Italy have signed an arrangement with the approval of King Menelik of Abyssinia for the maintenance of the integrity of Abyssinia and prescribing common action of the three powers in all future contingencies concerning the country.

## MAGNIFICENT GIFT.

J. P. Morgan to Present New York  
With Work of Art.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—A visit made by Mayor McClellan, Park Commissioner Moses Herrman, of the Borough of Manhattan, and some other city officials to the home of J. P. Morgan, yesterday, led to a report that Mr. Morgan was about to give the city something of great importance, con-

nected with art. Inquiry from those most actively concerned elicited the only statement that the city officials had merely been asked to Morgan's house and there was an informal talk. But a friend of Mr. Morgan, who would not permit the use of his name, said that the benefaction contemplated by Mr. Morgan was stupendous; that it related to art and that no one equalling it has ever been bestowed at one time on the city. He added that until official announcement was made nothing more could be said concerning the matter.

## WOMEN FIGHT POLICE.

Women Suffragists Hold Meeting and  
Wind Up in Scarp.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—The female suffragists made another attempt this evening to hold a meeting within the precincts of the house of commons, and as a result, three women and one man were arrested after an exciting fight with the police. The women fought wildly, scratching and kicking the officers, but were eventually compelled to give way. Those who persisted in resisting the officers were carried screaming to the nearest police station.

## SIX YEARS IN PEN.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 13.—A. Hooe, the negro coachman convicted of perjury in connection with a deposition made by him before the Hartje divorce trial, was refused a new trial today and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$50 and costs of court trial and to imprisonment in the penitentiary for six years. Hooe was taken to the penitentiary.

## DAY IN CONGRESS

Senator Du Bois Scores President  
for Aiding Mormons.

## HIGH PRICES FOR LUMBER

Senate Passes Bill Providing for Reg-  
ulations for Fishing Vessels and to  
Prevent Collisions at Sea by  
Steamers.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The Senate today listened to the second speech made during the session against the continuance of Reed Smoot as a senator from Utah. It was delivered by Senator Dubois of Idaho, who, after reviewing in detail the Mormon hierarchy, and Smoot's persistent connection therewith, concluded with a charge that President Roosevelt used the weight of the administration to assist the Republican Mormon vote in the last election in Idaho. A bill was passed providing regulations for fishing vessels, also to prevent collisions at sea.

In the house, during the morning hour, several resolutions were passed. One calling on the secretary of commerce and labor to investigate the high prices prevailing on lumber, and another calling upon the secretary of the interior for a detailed investigation.

## IMPROVE STEEL PLANT.

Sixty Million Dollars to be Spent on  
Improvements.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—The United States Steel Corporation's improvements to existing plants planned and the construction of the "Steel City" at Gary, Ind., call for an expenditure of \$60,000,000 in 1907, according to an official statement given out yesterday.

The question of construction was practically the only matter discussed at Tuesday's meeting of the finance committee. The corporation holds about \$100,000,000 in cash and securities and it is said that "in view of the large assets and prospects of increased earnings in 1907 and issuance of bonds in connection with the construction of the Gary plant is remote."

## MURRAY NOT GUILTY

Jury Returns Verdict in  
Murder Case.

## THE UNWRITTEN LAW

Arguments for State and Prisoner  
Concluded and Jury  
Charged.

## HANGED OR ACQUITTED

Murray Stated to His Counsel That  
He Wanted a Verdict of Acquittal  
or Hang, But No Compro-  
mise Verdict.

PORTLAND, Dec. 13.—Orlando Sherman Murray's fate for slaying Lincoln C. Whitney for the betrayal of his sister on November 13, was decided tonight. It required the jury in the state circuit court forty minutes to acquit Murray of the charge of murder. Murray shot Whitney to death in obedience to the unwritten law, after Whitney had persistently refused to marry Murray's sister. Notwithstanding that, just before the jury announced their verdict, Judge Gantenbein forbade all forms of applause, when the clerk read the words "not guilty," there was enthusiastic hand-clapping. Following this Murray was surrounded by personal friends who warmly congratulated him.

Attorney John J. Jeffrey, associate counsel for the defense, began his argument at 2 o'clock this afternoon, to be followed by Attorney W. T. Vaughn, special prosecutor, representing the Whitney family.

As a result of the terrible ordeal of yesterday afternoon, Miss Mary Murray, the defendant's sister, is confined to her bed at home, completely prostrated, and suffering from a raging fever. She is under a physician's care, and her condition is critical. It is the first day she has not been present in court and by the side of her brother.

This morning, when her father and mother started for town, the frail little girl half out of her head with pain, clung to her mother's neck and kissing her among her sobs, said:  
"Mamma, kiss Sherman for me and tell him to be sure to come home to me tonight, for I want him so much."  
"Good-bye, daddy," she exclaimed to her father as they left, "you will not let them keep him in jail any longer, will you?"

## NEW WARSHIP.

Plans Prepared for the Largest War-  
ship Ever Constructed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Congress today received from the secretary of the navy, which department has drawn up plans for the biggest battleship afloat, provided for in the last session of congress. Four plans were submitted by the bureau of construction and six by private firms and individuals. The plans recommended provide for a ship in many respects superior to any other built or building. It was prepared by the bureau of construction.

## PRIEST AND WOMAN.

Unholy Alliance Results in Asphyxia-  
tion of the Pair.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—A man supposed to be Rev. C. S. Quinn, formerly pastor of the Roman Catholic

church at Atlantic Highlands, New Jersey, and a young woman thought to be Miss B. Kiley, also of Atlantic Highlands, were found dead in a room in a boarding house here today. The priest engaged the room several days ago, saying he wanted it for a married couple, and later with the young woman took possession. Gas from a partially opened illuminating jet filled the room and their death was due to asphyxiation.

Michael Kiley identified the bodies at the morgue as his sister and Quinn, and said his sister came to America from Ireland recently. The police found nothing which indicates that it was formerly sub-assistant to Quinn was a case of suicide. Quinn pastor at St. Agnes Catholic church in this city. He left Atlantic Highlands when relieved. The housekeeper of the rector left town a few days ago.

## HUMANE PUNISHMENT.

Phonograph Makes Hopeless Idiot Out  
of Prisoner.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—A London dispatch published here, says a correspondent at Odessa, describing instances of police repression, writes of one man who has just finished a six months' sentence in jail for a political offense. Throughout his imprisonment night and day a phonograph fixed in his cell unrelentingly ground out the Russian national anthem, "to teach him patriotism."

It had the desired effect. He is now a hopeless idiot. Other prisoners have been confined in cells illuminated by a blinding blue light with the result that they were made imbeciles in a few months.

## PASS RESOLUTIONS

President Roosevelt Denounced  
by Africans at Seattle.

## VIOLATED THE CONSTITUTION

President Condemned and Denounced  
and Accused of Abetting the Intim-  
idation of Colored Soldiers Who  
Aided Him in War.

SEATTLE, Dec. 13.—The Afro-American Political Club of Seattle, at a regular meeting passed resolutions bitterly denouncing President Roosevelt for his action in disbanding the regiment of colored troops in Texas, following commission of crimes by some of their number and for his alleged attitude of unfriendliness toward the colored race. The resolutions declare:

"The President has much to say in his message to congress about the Japanese in the schools of America, but has no room for anything about the violation of the federal constitution in this persecution and murder of American citizens of Colorado."

"We condemn and denounce the action of the President as unjust, unfair, prejudiced and tending to abet and stimulate the sentiment toward intimidation and degradation of the colored man. This is what he considers just compensation for the action of the colored soldiers in saving him and the rough riders in the war with Spain."

## PROBABLE MURDER.

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—Mystery surrounds the death of Lewis J. Lee, 61 years old, founder of the Lee Advertising agency, whose body was found in the lake at the foot of Glengyle place yesterday. Circumstances in the case strongly indicate that he was murdered, with robbery as a motive.

## COMMITTED SUICIDE.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 13.—Reuben Fletcher, 35 years of age, and unmarried, from Toronto, Canada, committed suicide yesterday at 703 1/2 Central Avenue by shooting himself. Ill health was the cause of suicide.